

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows in accordance with the Revised Format of Amendments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

1-12 (canceled)

13.(currently amended) An animal treat ball comprising:

- a) a ball, with an outside and an inside, the inside including space for containing animal treats and a separate compartment wherein the separate compartment also includes at least one space for containing animal treats; and
- b) two openings in the separate compartment and at least one opening from the outside to the inside of the ball wherein the at least one opening includes a removable cap and wherein the two openings in the separate compartment include more than one flap limiting the size of the opening.

14. (canceled)

15.(original) The apparatus of claim 13 further including a sinuous raised edge on the exterior of the ball.

16.(previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the separate compartment is offset from a center location of the ball.

17.(previously presented) The apparatus of claim 13 wherein the two openings in the separate compartment include a funnel section for funneling items to the at least one opening in the ball.

18. (canceled)

19.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 13 wherein the removable cap is an edible animal treat.

20.(currently amended)The apparatus of claim 18 24 wherein the two openings in the separate compartment include more than one flap limiting the size of the opening.

21.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18 13 wherein the removable cap is domed shaped.

22.(withdrawn from consideration) An animal treat ball method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a ball with an exterior form, with an outside and an inside, surrounding an interior form with a compartment wherein the inside of the ball includes at least one space for containing animal treats and wherein the compartment includes at least one space for containing animal treats;
- b) providing at least one opening in the interior form and at least one opening in the exterior form; and
- c) inserting animal treats in the ball.

23.(withdrawn from consideration)The method of claim 22 further comprising the step of installing a removable cap over the opening in the exterior form after inserting the animal treats.

24. (new) An animal treat ball comprising:

- a) a ball, with an outside and an inside, the inside including space for containing animal treats and a separate compartment wherein the separate compartment also includes at least one space for containing animal treats; and
- b) two openings in the separate compartment and at least one opening from the outside to the inside of the ball wherein the at least one

opening includes a removable cap and wherein the removable cap is an edible animal treat.

25.(new) The apparatus of claim 24 further including a sinuous raised edge on the exterior of the ball.

26.(new) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the separate compartment is offset from a center location of the ball.

27.(new) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the two openings in the separate compartment include a funnel section for funneling items to the at least one opening in the ball.

28.(new) The apparatus of claim 24 wherein the removable cap is domed shaped.